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# PACAF boss visits Yokota

By Senior Airman Matt Miller

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

As part of a trip to talk to the Pacific Department of Defense Schools principals, Gen. Patrick Gamble, Pacific Air Forces commander, took time out of his busy schedule to visit local commanders about base issues Jan. 25. While at Yokota he toured a couple of the base's facilities and presented an award to the Fuels Flight for being tops in PACAF.

"Passing gas is big, big business in the Pacific," he said. "Hopefully, when the competition is over, this unit will win the Air Force level also."

On a mission level, this award assures Air Force commanders that when planes and cargo come to Yokota as part of a contingency, it won't just be sitting on the ramp waiting to be serviced.

"If things ever heat up in Korea and we've got to go over there and knuckle down and support, it's these kinds of things that will make the difference," Gamble said. "It's those few extra loads that will get over there faster because of the good work that they do."

In addition to the fuels award, Gamble expressed what an outstanding year the base has had, touching on how big of an accomplishment winning the two top base appearance awards is.

"There has been so much work done



Gen. Patrick Gamble

here. In the mission areas, in the quality of life areas, in the schools, in the family housing and just paying attention to detail around the base, inside and out," he said. "It's no wonder why Yokota was the hands down winner this year of the best overall installation in PACAF. You also won the most improved installation at the same time. No other unit has won both of those awards in the same year."

Several years ago, winning one of these awards would have been hard to fathom for Gamble, let alone winning both in the

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photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin

## Lookin' good

Maj. Charles Yu, of the base optometry clinic, examines the eyes of Senior Airman Frederick Jackson, PACAF Det. 2, for glaucoma. After a thorough exam Jackson was able to participate in the new Frame of Choice program. The program allows active-duty members to order one frame of choice in addition to the standard military pair. For more information, call 225-8404.

# Crowl: This is the best time ever to be in Air Force

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin

Fuji Flyer Editor

This is the best time ever to be in the Air Force according to the PACAF command chief master sergeant, who visited Yokota last week.

"It is the best time to be in the Air Force I've seen in 27 years," said Chief Master Sgt. Ron Crowl, during an enlisted call at the Yujo Community Center Jan. 27. The chief talked to airman and NCOs from across the base on topics like pay, promotions, manpower, tempo and the Expeditionary Aerospace Force.

"I agree you are not paid the amount of money you should be paid for the job that you do for our nation," he said about what he called a major concern. "You won't get any argument out of me and you won't get any argument out of senior leadership on that one."

"Congress has to fix pay. I really believe they are looking at it proactively now and they are making great strides as you can tell from the last compensation bill," he said. "The pay raise we just received Jan. 1, of 4.8 percent, was the largest one we've had in 18 years. They know that there

is a problem and they are fixing that problem. You aren't going to get rich off of 4.8 percent. ... But, it is the largest that we've had and it is a great start. We are guaranteed pay raises for the next five years. That's already been signed into law. You are going to get them. They aren't going to be huge, but they are going to be better than what they were. We're moving in the right direction."

Promotions were another of the chief's reasons for believing that this is the best time to be in the Air Force.

"Last year's promotions in several ranks were the highest ever and most were the highest in 10-15 years," said the chief enthusiastically. "Back in 1973, when I was an airman, I worked for a staff sergeant who had 19 years in and that was the typical NCO back then. ... Remember, we promote to fill vacancies and we didn't have any vacancies. Today, we have vacancies. We have opportunities for you to get promoted if that's what you want to do -- if that is your priority."

Crowl guaranteed airmen that if they studied properly, they would be promoted within three years. But, they had to make studying a priority.

"My point here is promotions right now are better than they have ever been in the Air Force and they are forecasted

to remain that way for the next couple of years," he said. "After that, all bets are off. There's an opportunity. You can either take it or leave it."

The chief also addressed concerns. He said the number one concern across the Pacific he has heard is operations and personnel tempo. To ease tempo, one of the things he said the Air Force is trying to do is to cut down on additional duties.

"There are 126 additional duties inherent to every PACAF location," he said. "That's a lot of duties and a lot of things that pull the airmen, of all ranks, out of the duty section. The goal is to get the airman back to the duty section, wherever that is. We need to put them back in their primary war-fighting jobs. Hopefully, in the next six or eight months we will be able to pair those down considerably."

The Air Force's Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept, which is officially implemented March 1, will also ease tempo concerns according to the chief.

"For the past five or 10 years we would come out, because we had units of people gone everywhere, and tell MAJCOMs we need 15 more people to be in the desert in 48 hours. Then they (the major commands) would scurry

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**Happy B'day**  
Petty Officer Rony Harden, and Marine Sgt. Jason Bailey, of Activities Far East, carry the colors at the celebration of the 85th Coast Guard anniversary held in the officers' club Jan. 28. More than 115 people attended the event.

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# Survey reveals inadequacies

*Answers shed light on places for AF improvement*

WASHINGTON — The 1999 Chief of Staff's survey reveals strides continue to be made in job satisfaction, teamwork and quality of life issues compared to 1997 results. However, dissatisfaction is still evident in several areas including pay, operations tempo and supervision.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan received the results of the survey, which measured the service's organizational climate and quality of life, Jan. 21. More than 190,000 responded (36 percent of the Air Force population).

The organizational climate section addressed 13 key unit level factors ranging from leadership to unit resources.

Overall results of the survey varied little from 1997. Job satisfaction remained consistent at 90 percent. Unit performance outcomes, teamwork, core values, job enhancement, and training and development fell in the 80 to 84 percent satisfaction range. General satisfaction, unit flexibility, recognition and unit resources remained nearly constant in the 66 to 79 percent satisfaction range.

The survey's quality of life section focused on Air Force priorities such as community programs, pay and retirement benefits, people and operations tempo, housing,

educational opportunities and health care. Emphasis was also placed on more contemporary issues like readiness, retention and a sense of community.

The survey revealed that 54 percent of enlisted people and 62 percent of officers are satisfied with medical care, while 42 percent of enlisted families and 45 percent of officer families are satisfied with medical care. On housing, 71 percent of married enlisted people and 73 percent of single enlisted people are satisfied with current housing, while 83 percent of married officers and 85 percent of single officers are satisfied.

On the issue of quality of life at duty stations, 63 percent of enlisted, 75 percent of civilians and 77 percent of officers responded positively.

Between 63 percent and 76 percent of first- and second-term airmen and company grade officers indicated that a retirement plan where everyone received 50 percent of their base pay would increase the likelihood of them staying in for 20 years. Likewise, 59 percent of career airmen and 71 percent of field grade officers said the likelihood of serving 20 years or more increased with pay raises tied to cost of living.

According to survey results, there is still room for improvement in several areas, such as compensation (including housing allowances), health care services for family members, rising ops tempo, undermanning and dissatisfaction with leadership and supervision.

General Ryan said the significant pay and compensation gains made in the fiscal 2000 defense budget should help address some of the service members' concerns expressed in the survey.

In operations tempo, the number of days spent on temporary duty and the number of hours worked per week has increased steadily since 1995, according to survey results.

Enlisted members who reported TDYs, the average number of days spent TDY increased by 22 days to 68 days, and the hours spent at work each week have risen from 46 in 1996 to 51 in 1999. Undermanning at the work center accounted for about 15 percent of the increased number of work hours.

Overall, compared to 1997, satisfaction in supervision, participation and involvement, and leadership fell by 2 or more percentage points across the board.

"I appreciate the participation by the Air Force family, and I'm satisfied with the process and the initial review of the data," said General Ryan. "It verified many of the things we already knew. It appears we've made progress in many areas, but we still have work to do, particularly with ops tempo, compensation concerns and health care.

"Air Force people spoke their minds in the survey," said General Ryan, "and Air Force leadership at all levels is listening and engaged in making the Air Force a better place to serve our nation."

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## Commander's viewpoint

## Roles + Expectations + Actions = ???????

By Col. Mark Zamzow  
374th Airlift Wing Commander

Does the name Mike Jones ring a bell? For most of us, probably not. But I can guarantee you Kevin Dyson will never forget his name. Because of Jones, Dyson was left sprawled on the ground, his right arm stretched inches away from the goal line on the last play of Monday's Super Bowl game.

This isn't going to be a column about football. But since so many of us watched the game on Monday, I want us all to consider the fact that the St. Louis Rams worked all year to prepare themselves for the Super Bowl. But it all boiled down to one guy – Mike



Mark Zamzow

Jones – knowing his role, knowing expectations and taking action. His tackle of Dyson at the one yardline preserved the Rams' lead over the Tennessee Titans and will certainly be remembered as one of the most critical defensive plays in Super Bowl history.

As big a deal as the Super Bowl has become, it's not nearly as important as our work here at Yokota Air Base. The mission of Team Yokota has much broader implications for the United States and the region than a Super Bowl ring.

In some ways, we are similar to professional athletes. A military member moves on the average of 7 times over a 20 year career. That statistic alone means that our acclimation to new jobs must be quick, efficient and effective (just like

in the NFL) in order to help new units sustain the highest degrees of readiness.

How do you approach new duties within a unit? My personal view is that all of us should make the most out of our short time on this earth by excelling in our units. When you arrive in that new unit, understand your role, learn what expectations exist and then take action to "make a difference!"

**Roles.** All of us have a defined role in our units. Knowing that role is essential as a first step. Jones, a ninth-year pro, is known for his solid fundamentals. "When he got his hands on me, I thought I'd break the tackle," Dyson said after the game. "But he slid down to my foot, like you're supposed to, and made a great play." Had Jones simply made a "shoulder tackle," as some lesser players do today, the Titans may have won the game instead. One of the most fundamental roles of a defensive player – mastering the art of tackling – was critical to the Rams' success. Do you know your roles within your unit?

**Expectations.** To succeed in any unit, one must know what is expected by that unit. Unit leadership undoubtedly expects subordinates to have the highest integrity and abide by the laws and regulations which govern our service and society. But beyond those basics, units also expect members to be courteous, selfless, hard-working, team-oriented, and motivated to improve themselves through formal classes and self-study just to name a few. Are you living up to the expectations of your unit?

**Actions.** This is where you apply your knowledge of your unit roles and expectations with performance. Could you imagine what a unit would be like if every member gave it their best? They'd not only be the most productive

unit ever witnessed, but they'd also be the happiest. The unit accomplishments, successes, and cohesion would be so remarkable that participation in that unit would be the highlight of a lifetime. What actions are you taking to improve your unit?

At this late stage of the editorial, you're undoubtedly thinking "Hey, enough about the unit, what about my family and community—they're just as important aren't they?"

Well, you're absolutely right! COMMUNITY (which includes FAMILY in my view) and MISSION do go hand in hand. Now, go back about five paragraphs and replace the word "unit" with "community" and read it again. Then plug in the word "family" and see what you think. Are you making a positive, neutral or negative impact?

Here's another thought for you: Folks who are happy at home come to work in a better mood and are consequently more effective on the job; and therefore mission effectiveness is enhanced! Yes, it is critical that you know your ROLE in the family and community as well as the EXPECTATIONS of your family and community. Then, just as you should do in your unit, go out and take ACTION!

The bottom line: The professional, community, family and mission-related rewards (e.g. the personal satisfaction) you enjoy are directly related to the way you approach *life*! Sure you need to relax, have a hobby, and take a break once in a while. But in the long run, your *life* will mean so much more if you make the most out of it. So, turn off that TV, climb out of bed, get your tail in gear, and study, help, motivate, teach, mentor, sweat, smile, laugh, innovate, play, learn, and work for your unit, for your family and for your community. That's what *life* is about!

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out to the bases. Some of you are on leave and some are doing other things and there is only a small pot left that gets hammered for these. This will stop that.

"This (the EAF concept) will make it so that everybody plays," he said. "In the past, only about 65 percent of our Air Force has played in deployments. The other 35 percent have been doing other things. It wasn't that they didn't want to play. Most of them wanted to play, but they were just outside of the combat forces arena as we saw it so we didn't tag them. EAF draws in everybody. Everybody comes into the pool. Everybody is eligible to go other than those people who just can't go. You always have students and brand new people coming in, people going through tech schools, people that are in the hospital and various things like that you just can't touch. But, at least 85 percent of the eligible population can go, which would ease up some of the pain of the current AFSCs (Air Force Specialty Codes). It will not fix every AFSC. ... Some AFSCs are manned so low that it is going to take us two or three



Crowl talks to troops at the Yujo.

years to get them back up to where they ought to be. ... It will fix or assist about 70 percent of the AFSCs."

Although the chief maintained this was the best time ever to be in the Air Force, he asked everyone to work together to get the word out about the service's benefits. "It's up to all of us to turn the tide in retention and the only way we can do that is by talking with our people," he said. PACAF has a new web site to help those deciding whether to make the Air Force a career or not. The new site is at: [www2.hickam.af.mil/staywithus](http://www2.hickam.af.mil/staywithus).

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same year.

"Years ago, I'd say that anyone who ever thought that Yokota even had a chance to win a best overall facilities award was crazy," he said. "This is a testament to the hard work, attention to detail and pride in ownership the men and women of Yokota have toward their base."

He also reiterated how important Yokota will be well into the new millennium.

"Yokota has a big chunk of the business here in the Pacific. There are some functions here at Yokota that can't be done anywhere else like it can be done here," he said. "I see the improvements that are being made on the base here to get the right kind of people, and to improve the facilities where they work and live. It's the right move to make because we're going to be here for a while as long as that mission is what it is today."

As far as PACAF goes into the new

millennium, Gamble says the data from the first two Aerospace Expeditionary Forces is beginning to come back and they initially look to have made the transition smoothly.

This coupled with the biggest entitlements package to hit the service in 18 to 20 years is a step in the right direction towards lowering operations tempo, personnel tempo and improving retention.

"We have a lot of things that are potentially going for us in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and up on the hill in Congress. A lot of good spokespersons are talking up some entitlements packages that would be very beneficial to us and our families," he said. "I say, if you're sitting on the fence thinking about getting out, make an informed decision. Get the right answers, because things are looking up on one side. How's it looking on the other?"

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**Yard sale:** Indoor sale at 4734-C Michael Drive, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. 227-9930. (1)

**For sale:** Large grandfather clock with curio side, \$1,500; elegant looking Dynasty dining room set with eight chairs and 4-door china cabinet, all for \$4,000; nice looking large living room set, 4-piece, \$1,500; almost new threadmil, \$350; five air conditioners, three like new, all work great, \$500; 50-gallon Asian aquarium, \$700. 227-7336. (1)

**Automobiles:** 1985 Nissan Gloria, black tinted windows, JCI until May 2001, runs great, \$1,500; 1988 Mazda Capella, 4-wheel steering, excellent vehicle, \$1,800; 1988 Honda, 4-door, automatic, runs and looks great, JCI until November 2001, \$1,200. 227-7336. (1)

**For sale:** Computer table, black metal with white shelves and pull-out mouse shelf, \$35 OBO. 227-4625. (1)

**Automobile:** 1990 Nissan Presea, white, 4-door, great mileage, CD player with 10-disc changer and remote, very dependable family car, \$2,000 OBO. 227-3779. (1)

**Automobile:** 1998 Mazda Mitata, 2-seat roadster convertible, air, automatic, metallic green with black vinyl top, dark charcoal sued leather seats, JCI until January 2001, bought for \$22,000 in 1998, will sell for \$13,000 OBO. 267-6334. (1)

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**Automobile:** 1990 Nissan Cefiro, JCI until August 2001, 66,000 Km., runs great, new tires, battery and alternator, base inspection in September 1999, \$2,000. 227-4159. (1)

**For sale:** Storage building, bought last summer, \$275; Japanese houseplants, \$5; two houseplants, \$15; Kawai acoustic upright piano, excellent condition, \$800. 0425-34-6939. (1)

**For sale:** Lil Kawasaki 4-wheeler, battery or foot power, used only once, \$79. 95 new, \$40 firm. 227-4192. (1)

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**For sale:** 18,000 BTU air conditioner, good condition; 12,000 BTU air conditioner, excellent condition; awning for east side garden; 9x12 beige rug, excellent condition, \$150 for everything, you take

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**For sale:** 220-volt air conditioner for use in downstairs garden house, very cold, \$125; large trampoline, used one season, \$140. 227-5935. (1)

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**For sale:** Matching dining room table, four chairs and bakers rack, off-white in color, chairs have green cushions, shelves on bakers rack are heavy glass, \$175. 227-3171. (1)

**Automobile:** 1991 Nissan Pulsar, JCI until October 2001, 2-door hatchback, power windows, AM/FM cassette, runs great, must sell, \$2,200 OBO. 227-2690. (1)

**Automobile:** 1987 Toyota Levin, sporty 5-speed, power steering, locks and windows, AM/FM with CD and cassette, well maintained, recent tune up, JCI until August, \$1,600. 227-8167. (1)

**Automobiles:** 1992 Nissan Presea, JCI until 2001, excellent condition, Kenwood stereo system with remote, all power, runs great, must sell, \$3,000 OBO; 1987 Toyota Lite Ace van, clean, sunroof, great

condition, low mileage, JCI until 2002, must sell, \$1,700 OBO; 1987 Toyota Famila, power windows and locks, JCI until 2001, low mileage, excellent condition, \$1,000 OBO. 227-8355. (1)

**For sale:** Awning for 4-bedroom garden, \$200; Step 2 slide/swing combo, \$150; 5,000 BTU air conditioner, \$40; numerous craft items, all for \$250. 227-9930. 227-9930. (1)

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**Automobile:** Nissan Pulsar EXA convertible, sports shocks, new top, sheet and interior, great condition and very rare, JCI until April, \$1,800 OBO. 225-3801. (1)

**Automobile:** 1990 Toyota Vista, gray, 4-door, automatic, power everything, new battery, JCI until July 2001, \$1,500. 227-6656. (1)

**Automobile:** 1985 Toyota Celica, 5-speed, runs great, tuned up in November, fresh oil change, new tires, great A/C, 6-disc CD player, JCI until August, \$400 OBO. 227-3968. (2)

**Free:** Affectionate 5-month-old kitten, tabby with golden eyes. Is out of tune with new piano in home, but kitty is otherwise purrfect. Cat accouterments available. 042-551-7108. (2)

**For sale:** Large wooden cage with chicken wire walls, \$200 OBO; small wire cage, \$15; 20-gallon aquarium, \$30; many plastic turtle/hamster containers, \$3-10. 227-9695. (2)

**Automobile:** 1992 Nissan Primera, air, automatic, power windows, door locks and mirrors, AM/FM cassette, great condition, JCI until September 2001, \$3,000. 227-6336. (2)

**Motorcycle:** 1997 Suzuki TL 1000s, FI, V-twin, dark green, 13,000 Km, JCI until September 2001, full-power export model, full M4 race exh, Dynojet FI module, \$6,500 firm. 227-9079. (2)

**For sale:** Desert Eagle 357 Magnum, lightweight frame, original IMI, factory box, cleaning kit, two spare magazines, Millet adjustable target sights, less than 500 rounds fired, good condition, stored at base armory, available only to qualified individuals with commander’s approval, \$850; three kerosene heaters, \$115 for all three. 227-2228. (2)

**For sale:** Toaster oven, barely used, \$25; small apartment/dorm size light wood table with four chairs, \$45; brand new umbrella stroller, \$10; two Honda Integra tires, \$30 for both. 227-4259. (2)

**For sale:** Black entertainment center, \$80; golf clubs, \$4 each; vacuum, \$30; pair of skis, \$70; floor lamp, \$20; full-size bed frame, \$30; sub woofer, \$50. 227-4275. (2)

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**Reward offered:** For information leading to the return of two 8x16 and two 7x16 Volks racing 5-spoke rims which were stolen. Call law enforcement desk or 227-8026. (2)

**Motorcycle:** 1994 Honda V-45 Magna, 750cc, progressive suspension system, two full-face helmets, only 5,200 Km., JCI until December, \$3,250 OBO. 227-8026.

**For sale:** tailor-made irons, like new with regular bubble shaft, 3-9, PW, AW, SW, \$400 firm. 227-8445. (2)

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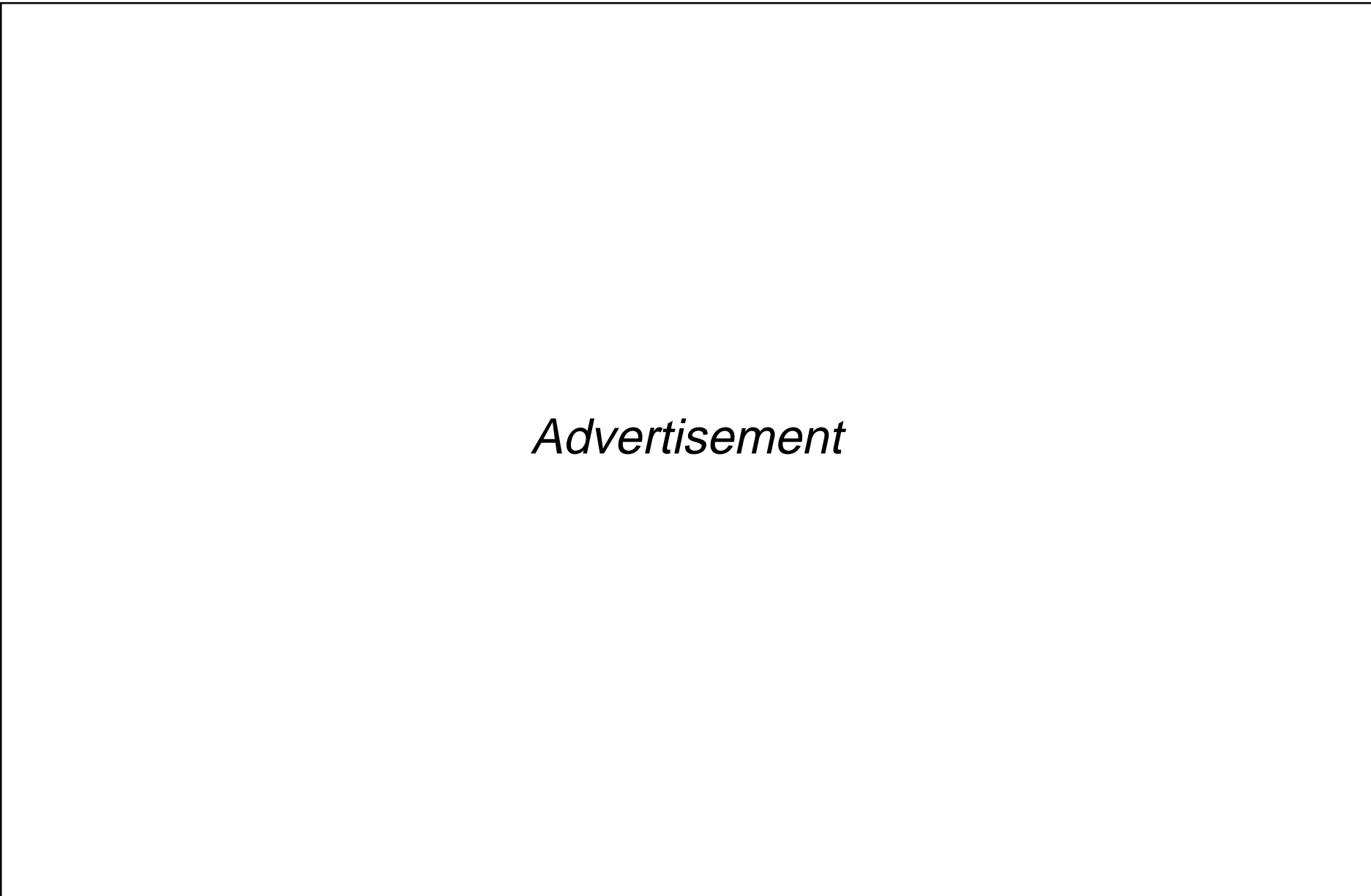
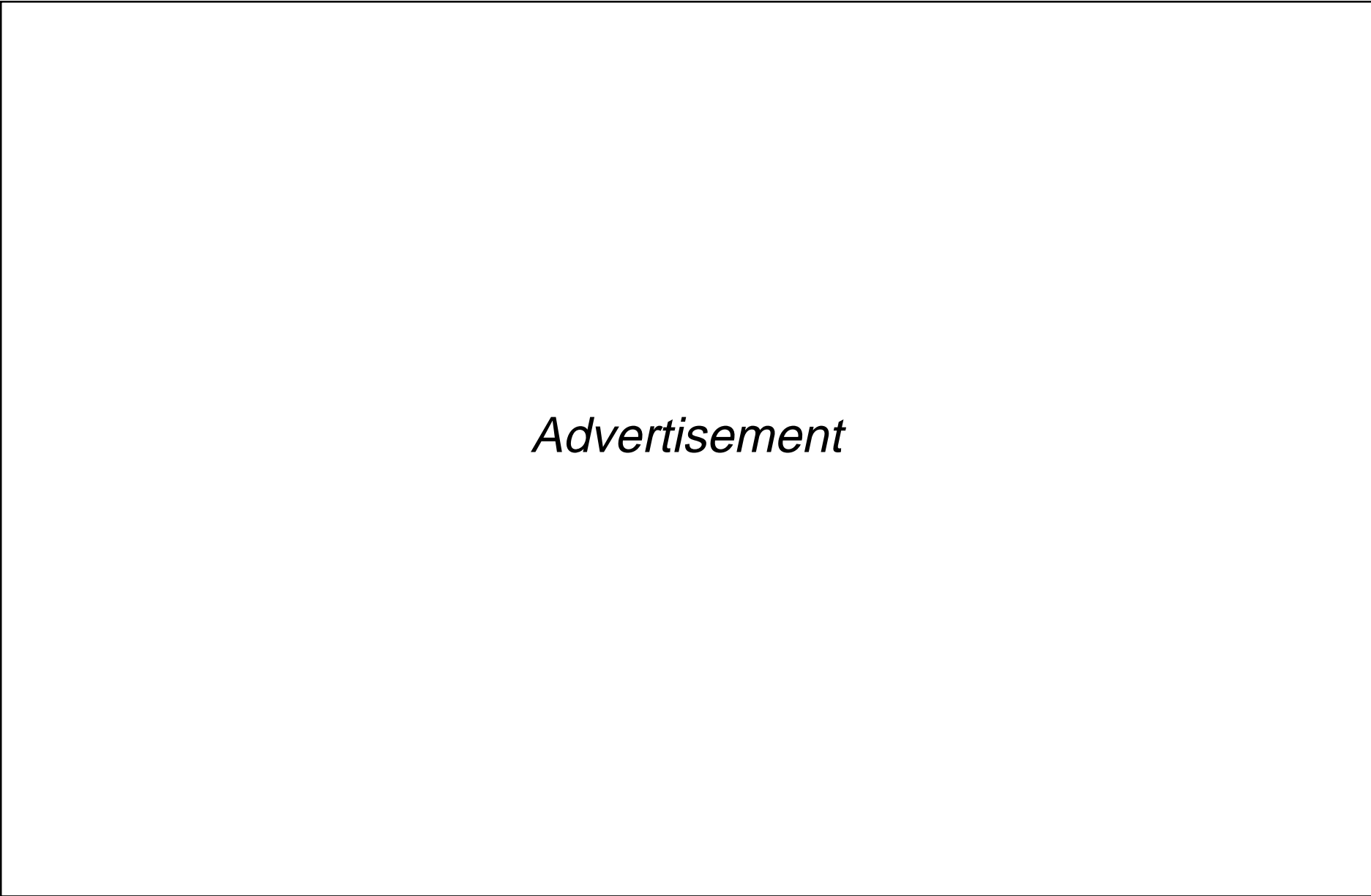
**Automobile:** 1990 Nissan Cefiro, JCI until August 2001, AM/FM cassette, all power, new tires, alternator and battery, 66,000 Km., excellent condition inside and out, \$2,000. 227-4159. (2)

**For sale:** 1993 Mazda Bongo van, blue, automatic, radio cassette player, JCI until January 2001, \$2,900; 1994 Toyota Sprinter, 4-door, automatic, all power, JCI until December, \$3,200. 0426-45-1454. (2)

**For sale:** Converter to make American appliances work properly in Japan, new condition. 042-545-9044. (2)

**For sale:** Labtec LCS-3010 computer speakers, great bass, new, \$30; Salton cappuccino/coffee/expresso maker, new, \$90; Labtec 1020 speakers, \$10; Sharp 8mm ViewCam, 3” color LCD, 16X zoom and more, used less than five hours, cost \$599, will sell for \$300. 227-3260. (2)

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Ball and fashion show

The African American Heritage ball and fashion show will be held 6 p.m Saturday at the New Sanno Hotel. The guest speaker will be Chaplain Nathaniel Crawford, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. Cost is \$35 and dress is semiformal or African. Two buses will be available for transportation, one leaving at 11 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. For more information, call 225-5590.

Valentine's Day meal

The Samurai Cafe will have a special Valentine's Day meal 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Meal card holders will be allowed to invite one personal guest. If the guest you invite is on BAS or a civilian, the cost of the meal will be a flat rate which includes the surcharge. The menu includes T-bone steak and shrimp. RSVP by Tuesday by calling 225-8870.

SRB changes

Headquarters Air Force has announced numerous changes to the Selective Reenlistment Bonus program. SRB increases/additions were effective Jan. 13 and decreases/removals will be effective Feb. 19. Eligible airmen in reduced/terminated SRB Air Force Specialty Codes must reenlist on or before Feb. 18 to qualify for current multiple levels. For more information, call the Career Enhancement Element at 225-9443.

Officers social

There will be an officers social at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the officers' club ballroom. For more information, call 225-8341.

First aid classes

Red Cross instructor training classes will be held Feb. 20, 26 and 27. All three classes are necessary for certification. The class is free if participants agree to teach first aid and CPR classes while at Yokota. For more information, call 225-7522.

Services classes


Services training offers classes in basic telephone English; elementary, basic and intermediate English conversation, and customer service. The classes are open to all Yokota Japanese employees. For more information, call 225-8105.

DRMO sale

Defense Reutilization Marketing Office Sagami will have its next sealed bid sale Feb. 17. A variety of items will be offered. In-

# Above & Beyond

**Who:** Staff Sgt. Bill Hutto  
**Reason:** As NCO in charge of plans and programs for the 374th Security Forces Squadron, Hutto served as the security coordinator for the Frostbite run, which drew 10,000 visitors to the base. As an additional duty he processed and oversaw the detention of seven individuals last year -- a number previously unheard of. He was recently a distinguished graduate of the Air Force's Level II Ground Combat School. He was also a volunteer for the unit's Christmas party for local orphans.



spection will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 14-16. Bid opens at 8 a.m. Feb. 17. For more information, call 268-4508.

Frame of choice

Active-duty Air Force members will now be allowed to order one frame of choice in addition to the standard military spectacle annually. This greater choice in eyeglass frames is intended to improve use of military-provided spectacles and is meant as a quality of life initiative. Under the program members can choose from six alternative frame styles in various colors. Members must go to the optometry clinic with their medical records to order the glasses. E-1s through E-4s will be given the first opportunity to order and should do so by Feb. 15. All enlisted members can order their frames from Feb. 15-29. O-3s and below can order theirs' from March 1-15. The program is open to all members after March 16. If your prescription is more than a year old, call TRICARE at 225-3562 to schedule an optometry appointment. For more information about the program, call Maj. Charles Yu at 225-8404.

Thrift Shop scholarships

The Yokota Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop is giving away \$38,000 in scholarships. Yokota graduating seniors are eligible for \$28,000 in scholarships. Applications are available from Ms. Harrigan's of-

fice. Ten thousand dollars in scholarships are available to base spouses. Pick up an application at the education office or the Thrift Shop. Applications are due Feb. 25. For more information, call 042-545-9044.

Red Cross classes

**Healthy Pregnancy/Healthy Baby** -- 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 8, 15 or 22 in the hospital's first floor conference room.

**Babysitter's Course** -- noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13 in Bldg. 4018 Room 212.

**Community First Aid and Safety** -- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19 in Bldg. 4018 Room 212.

For more information, call 227-3308.

My Honey & Money

A My Honey and Money financial management class will be held Feb. 22 at the Family Support Center. The class is developed to assist couples and includes topics like managing debt, credit management and setting financial goals as a couple. For more information, call 225-8725.

New show

A new show began airing on Channel 18 Feb. 1. The program will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and will cover different Services' facilities, programs and the people who make it all happen. For more information, call 225-5292.

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*“It wouldn’t be resigning because I’d quit.”*

-- Don Zimmer

Yankees assistant manager on whether he’d resign in the wake of a disagreement with George Steinbrenner



# Wrestler picked for trial camp

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At first glance, many people would be hard pressed to assume that Derrick Padilla is a monster on the mat.

Heck, just conversing with the 5-foot 6-inch, 150-pound Padilla gives most people the impression that he is more of a mild-mannered gentleman than a tornado in a wrestler’s body.

Even though he might not be the big and burly image most people think of when talking about wrestling, the Air Force considers him one of the best grapplers in this service and has invited Padilla to attend the Air Force wrestling trial camp in Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 1 - 15, for the second year in a row.

“Wrestling is a sport that I enjoy immensely,” said Padilla, a senior airman with the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron. “The Air Force is giving me a great opportunity to improve my skills and compete at an international level.”

Padilla, a 22-year-old native of Pueblo, Colo., started to find a love for the sport at the age of six when he attended his first wrestling camp. He would continue to attend small camps until he was 13-years-old and in the eighth grade. This is where Padilla would join his school’s wrestling program and get the chance to pit his talents against others, thus recognizing his interest in the sport.

“I also played football, but I enjoyed wrestling more,” he said. “It’s more challenging on an individual level. You really learn how hard you can push yourself.”

He continually worked on honing his techniques while mentally and physically maturing into a top state performer.

“High school provided a good base of skills and work ethic,” said Padilla. “It gave me exactly what I needed to go to the next level.”

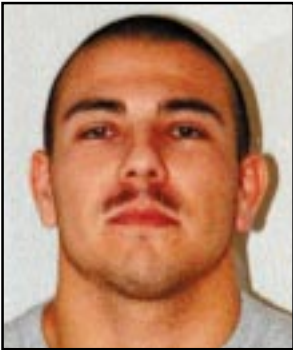
As far as offers and scholarships would go, Padilla definitely had a future in wrestling, but a self-admitted lack of maturity sent him in the direction of the Air Force.

“I was offered partial scholarships for several small colleges, but I didn’t think I

was ready,” he said. “The Air Force seemed to be the right choice at the time. It would give me the chance to travel, money for education and the maturity to become the type of wrestler I wanted to be.”

Since his high school days, Padilla averages three or four hours a day in the gym, six days a week, trying to become the best wrestler he can.

“There’s a saying that a good wrestler must have the strength of a powerlifter and the endurance of a marathon runner. I will always strive to accomplish that,” said Padilla. “I am the type of wrestler who takes what my opponents will give me.



Derrick Padilla

I would like to have enough power to get the quick win, but sometimes that’s not an option.”

In his off duty time, he gives back to the base youngsters by assisting with Yokota’s high school wrestling program.

“I was fortunate for growing up in Pueblo. Wrestling is big there and kids can get the help they need to make it in this sport,” he said. “I want to give that same opportunity to the kids here at Yokota. I want to do everything I can to keep this sport alive.”

And as Padilla boards the plane for Colorado, a little piece of him will be thinking of

the youngsters he leaves behind.

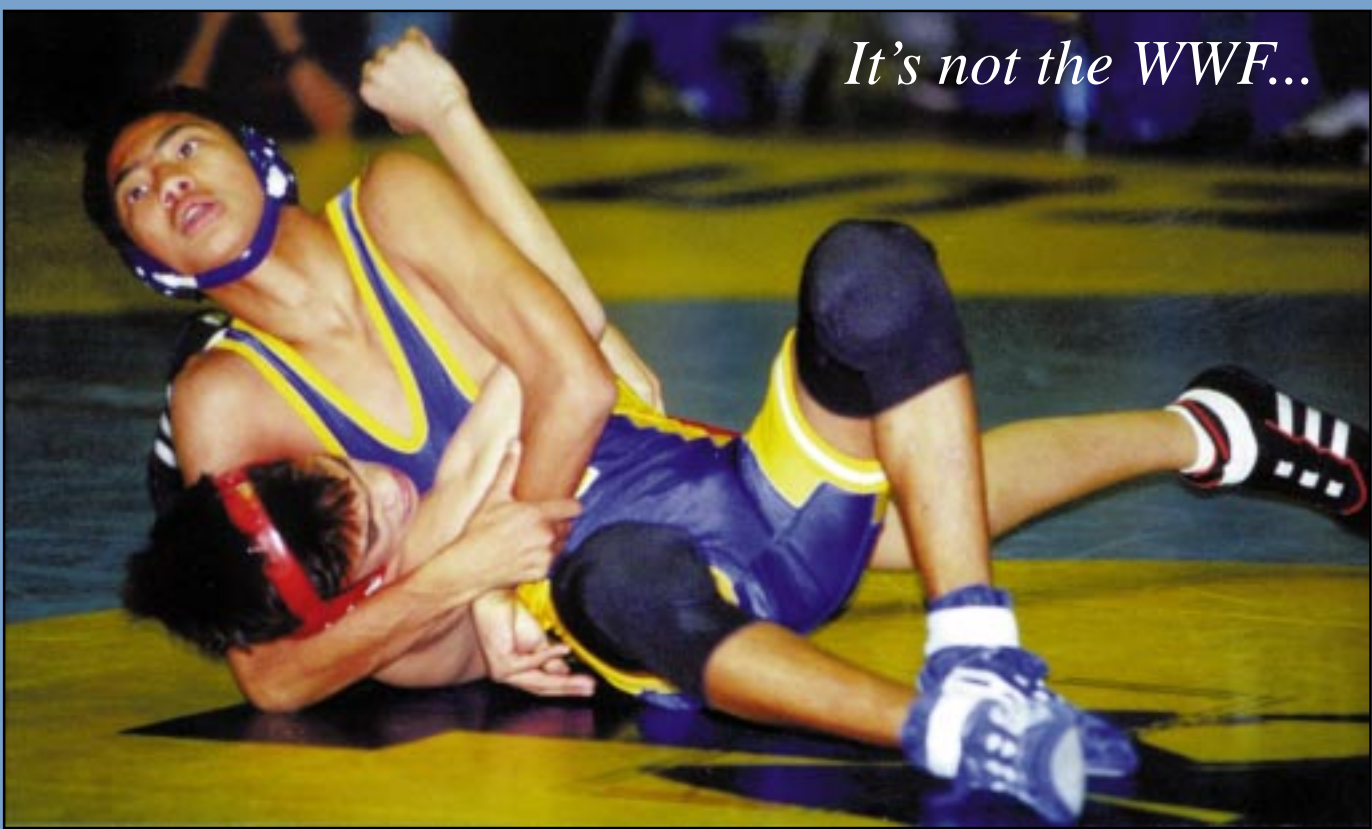
“Our guys are gearing up for the Far East tournament, and I feel bad that I won’t be able to be with them,” he said. “But whether I’m there or not, I know they’ll give their best.”

Striving to be the best, Padilla has set his own goals toward the 2004 Olympics.

“If I truly push myself, and focus 100 percent of my time and energy on making the 2004 team, I can make it,” he said. “It’s an accomplishable goal as long as I stay motivated.”

But for now Padilla will focus on the task at hand – trials camp.

“I learned so much the first year, that I can’t wait to get there and start wrestling,” he said. “I just want to thank the Air Force for giving me this opportunity.”



*It’s not the WWF...*

photo by Airman JoAnn Makinano

Yokota Panther, Alex Prunar, looks for advice from his coach while toying with his 108-pound opponent from Kinnick. Prunar won a decision in the match, but the Panthers lost to the Red Devils, 44 - 4. They did beat the Christian Academy In Japan, 32 - 13, the same day. Their next tournament is the Kanto Plain championships Saturday at St. Mary’s. The meet begins at 9:30 a.m.

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